

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Platte called the meeting to order.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Harri, Burke, McGee and Colestock. None were absent.

The invocation was given by Councilman Burke.

The Agenda was approved as printed.

The December 12, 2016, Regular Minutes and the December 19, 2016 Worksession Minutes were approved as printed.

Councilwoman Colestock moved that disbursements of \$598,003.39 be approved with the breakdown being General Fund Checks in the amount of \$296,666.85 - check numbers 66588 through 66647; Meter Deposit Refund Checks in the amount of \$1,658.46 - check numbers 101400 through 101412; and Wire Fund Transfers in the amount of \$299,678.08; seconded by Councilman Harri, passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Colestock moved Council approve the Library Board's recommendation to reappoint Susan Polamba, 3323 Kemler Road to the Library Board for a five year term which will expire on January 31, 2022; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the 2017 Public Meeting Schedule and change the time for the Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Councilman Harri moved Council approve the June 30, 2016, Audit as prepared by Abraham and Gaffney, P.C.; seconded by Councilman McGee, passed unanimously.

Councilman Burke moved Council approve the 2017 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines; seconded by Councilwoman Colestock, passed unanimously.

Councilman McGee moved Council approve the recommendation from the Michigan Public Power Agency for the purchase of energy by MPPA for the maximum commitment of \$245,164, and authorize City Clerk Reinecke to sign said Agreement; seconded by Councilman Burke, passed unanimously.

Reuben Green, 630 Forest Street, appeared before Council and thanked Council, Staff, Departments and Employees for all of their accomplishments this past year.

Councilwoman Colestock reported on the following: that the City has accomplished a lot this past year with the Street Project, Parking Lot Project, new businesses coming to the City and it has been an exciting year in Eaton Rapids and was excited about 2017; and wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilman McGee reported on the following: hoped that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; that he was excited about everything that had happened in 2016

and was very excited about 2017 and the things that are being planned to happen in Eaton Rapids.

Councilman Harri reported on the following: wished everyone a Happy New Year; thanked the Staff for all of their work and accomplishments that have been made during his tenure from 2007 until now; was very excited about 2017 and all the things that will continue to be accomplished; that the downtown is thriving, that events like Urban Air are phenomenal, that there are many positives happening in the City with things like the street projects; Welcome Center; all of the amenities to the Downtown that have made it a viable Downtown for new businesses to want to move to, and thanked all of the Staff for their hard work.

Councilman Burke reported on the following: that he agreed with Mr. Green, that it is astonishing what has been accomplished this past year with businesses thriving Downtown; that the Island has looked the best that it ever has and is a focal point of the City; that City worker's should be commended for their efficiency with handling more projects with less staff and working hard to produce a great product for the Community; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Clerk Reinecke reported on the following: that there have been several Water Main breaks over the weekend; and that there was a power outage by the High School this weekend and staff is continuing to work to get this fixed.

Fire Chief McNutt reported on the following: that there had been a house fire on Vaughn Street and thanked the DPW for their help in keeping the area salted so that it wasn't slippery for the Department.

Mayor Platte reported on the following: wished everyone a Happy New Year; that 2016 had been a very busy year, but 2017 was going to be even busier; that the street projects would be continuing, that Parking Lot #6 would be getting fixed; that there were other major projects planned like the renovation of Red Ribbon Hall, the concession stand and restrooms at Howe Field; that new businesses were coming to town; that the Island Project was phenomenal and thanked City Manager Stoppels for his insight to this project and that the Island looked the best that it ever has; that there were many new changes that would be happening in Eaton Rapids in 2017 and that he would be going over these in a State of the City Address that he would be giving at a January City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk